

**Tommy Ray Meadows Obt.**

**GAINESBORO** — Funeral services for **Mr. Tommy Ray Meadows**, 64, of  
Bloomington Springs, Tennessee, will be held at 2 P.M. on  
Thursday, February 6, 2014, at Anderson – Upper Cumberland  
Funeral Home in Gainesboro, TN. Burial will follow in the  
John Young Cemetery in the Shiloh community of Jackson  
County,  
TN.



The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4 P.M. – 9  
P.M., and Thursday from 9 A.M. until time of services.

He passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2014.

He was born January 10, 1950, in Jackson County, TN, to the  
late **Dent Meadows** and **Dee Hammock Meadows**. He was a supervisor at SEC  
Enterprises, and a member of the Bloomington Springs Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by **3 Brothers:** Mitchell  
Meadows, James Meadows, and Wilice Meadows; and **3 Sisters:** Notie Stafford,  
Betty Jean Meadows Brown, and Dora Lou Pippin.

Survivors include **4 Sons:** Michael Ray (Rebecca) Meadows of Baxter, TN, Tommy  
Wayne Meadows of Baxter, TN, Danny (Diane) Meadows of Silver Point, TN, and  
Josh Meadows of Bloomington Springs, TN; **7 Grandchildren:** Cody Meadows,  
Dylan Meadows, Corey Meadows, Courtney Meadows, Bridget Meadows, Audrey  
Parsons, and Katelyn Hancock; **1 Great Grandchild:** Alexis Parsons; **2 Brothers:**  
Charles Meadows of Baxter, TN, and Junior (Irene) Meadows of Bloomington  
Springs, TN; and **3 Sisters:** Evelyn (Kenny) Maynard of Cookeville, TN, Ruby  
(Joe) Manier of Cookeville, TN, and Frances Meadows of Bloomington Springs, TN.

Bro. Paul Fox will officiate at the services.

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The Putnam County SWAT team responded to the scene, entering the building to find  
one female with a gunshot wound to the abdomen and one male, the suspected shooter,  
dead.

The female victim was taken by ambulance to Cookeville Regional Medical Center  
where she was undergoing emergency surgery Sunday morning, according to Putnam  
County Sheriff David Andrews. Reportedly she made it through surgery and was still  
listed in critical condition.

“All we know at this time is that the man’s wife or ex-wife was inside the building with her sister at the time,” Andrews said before just noon Sunday. “We are still interviewing witnesses and working the crime scene at this time.”

It was believed the three were the only people in the church at the time, Andrews said.

The shooter, **Tommy Meadows**, 64, of Bloomington Springs, was reportedly carrying a handgun which was used in the shooting.

A portion of Highway 70 between Cookeville and Baxter was closed for some time Sunday as the scene was secured. That road reopened by 11 a.m. but other roads near the church were still closed as authorities worked the scene.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 2 February 2014

#### UPDATED: HUSBAND REPORTEDLY TARGETED WIFE IN CHURCH SHOOTING

**PUTNAM COUNTY** — The shooting that occurred at a church in Double Springs Sunday appears to have stemmed from a domestic situation, police say.

Around 9 a.m. Sunday, **Tommy Meadows**, 64, of Bloomington Springs, entered the Double Springs Community Church where his wife and sister-in-law were working, preparing for the day’s scheduled church services, police say.

Investigators with the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department say it appears Meadows came to the church with a gun, looking for his wife, **Wanda Meadows**. The couple is separated, they say, but Tommy had allegedly made threats to kill Wanda.

When **Tommy Meadows** came into the building, a struggle ensued and his sister-in-law, identified by deputies as **Etta Medley**, was shot in the abdomen. At one point, the wife was reportedly able to get the gun from Tommy, but he managed to get it back again as she fled the building and was able to escape.

Medley was apparently able to call for help and emergency crews responded in reference to a person inside the church being shot and a gunman still inside the building.

A perimeter was set up and roads were closed in the area, officials said.

“We have been blessed that we have not had active shooter situations where the shooter leaves the scene, but typically that is what happens,” Sheriff David Andrews said.

In this case, the shooter was still inside the building, but without knowledge of where he might go or what might happen next, area residents were asked to stay inside their homes for their own safety.

The Putnam County S.W.A.T. team entered the church where they first identified Medley. She was rushed to Cookeville Regional Medical Center where she underwent emergency surgery Sunday afternoon.

**Tommy Meadows** was found in the basement of the church with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Officials were on the scene until around 4 p.m. Sunday, canceling services at the church for the day.

“We released the building last night,” Andrews said Monday morning. “After interviews with witnesses and those involved, we feel we have an accurate account of what happened and that there was no one else involved.”

Medley remains in critical condition and has been transferred to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

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### **DOUBLE SPRINGS SHOOTING VICTIM DIES**

by Bailey Darrow

**PUTNAM COUNTY** — The victim of a shooting at a Double Springs Church last week has died.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department released a statement Monday morning, indicating Etta Medley, 61, passed away from injuries sustained last Sunday when her estranged brother-in-law entered the Double Springs Community Church and shot Medley in the abdomen.

On February 2, the Sheriff's Department responded to the church in reference to one person inside the church being shot and a gunman who was still in the building.

The Putnam County S.W.A.T. team entered the building where they found Medley and rushed her to Cookeville Regional Medical Center where she underwent emergency surgery.

Medley was then transferred to Vanderbilt Medical Center where she died around 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

The shooter, Tommy Meadows, 64, of Bloomington Springs, had reportedly come to the church with a firearm looking for his estranged wife, Medley's sister. Meadows allegedly made threats to kill his wife and an altercation ensued, resulting in Medley's injuries.

The wife managed to escape the building and Meadows apparently turned the gun on himself. S.W.A.T. team members found Meadows deceased in the church basement.

Medley and her sister were the only two people in the building at the time Meadows arrived. Officials said the two were preparing for that day's church services. Friends described Medley as a well-liked, Christian woman who will be greatly missed.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 10 February 2014

**Etta B. (Smith) Medley Obt.**

b. 18 August 1952, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 9 February 1952, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Dwight D. Medley**. Etta B. (Smith) Medley, d/o **Ben Smith** (1921-2002) & **Etta Rector** (1925-2001), both buried in Dodson Branch Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

Etta B. Medley ,61, of Bloomington Springs, Tennessee passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN.

The Family has chosen cremation and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center in Cookeville is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 11 February 2014

**COOKEVILLE** — A Celebration of Life service for **Etta B. Medley**, 61, of Bloomington Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, at Double Springs Community Church.



Mrs. Medley passed away on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, in Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

She was born Monday, Aug. 18, 1952, in Cookeville to the late **Ben and Etta (Rector) Smith**.

Mrs. Medley was a loving wife and mother, member of Double Springs Community Church, and was a friend to everyone she met.

Her family includes her husband, **Dwight D. Medley** of Bloomington Springs; a son, David Lee Medley of Baxter; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Evelyn and Roy Gentry of Baxter, Darlene and Glen Farrell of Rickman, Irene and Junior Meadows of Bloomington Springs and Wanda Meadows of Bloomington Springs; and five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Carlen Smith of Cookeville, Dale Smith of Cookeville, Larry and Tina Smith of Cookeville, Ed and Karen Smith of Baxter and Mark Smith of Sparta.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Bro. Frank Rodgers will officiate at the services.

Please visit [www.crestlawnmemorial.com](http://www.crestlawnmemorial.com) and sign the online guest register and send a message to the family.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-6384.

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